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Supporting Dialogue

Upcoming Events



Civic Voice Design Awards Study Tour: All Souls Bolton Friday 27 January, 1:30-4:30pm

This [study tour](#), organised in partnership with The Glass-House, is the first in a series that Civic Voice are hosting with previous winners of the Civic Voice Design Awards.

experiences of transforming the building, show us around and tell us about the difference it has made in their community. An interactive workshop on design will help participants explore their relationship with the design of the places and spaces around us.

It's free to attend, but please [register](#) as places are limited.

Civic Voice Design Awards 2017: *Community groups and organisations in England are invited to nominate the best new build, heritage and public realm projects in their areas for the [2017 Civic Voice Design Awards](#). Get your nominations in by 14 February!*

Towards a definition of placemaking - London Wednesday, 8 February at 6.15pm

Our Chief Executive Sophia will give a provocation on the social aspects of placemaking at this [Future of London debate](#) chaired by The Guardian's London commentator Dave Hill, which explores the perceptions, complexities and potential of placemaking, its costs and benefits and the roles that different actors play.

The debate is the first in Future of London's event series for 2017, [Making the Case for Place](#), which will focus on how placemaking is defined and valued by different sectors and actors.



Other upcoming events

We're also contributing to two further events in February. These are:

[The Urban Imperative: How can we improve existing places for the future?](#)

at Space Syntax - offering provocations, projects and best practice for city improvements around the world.

(Thursday, 2 February, 7-9pm)

Building Faith in Architecture at the Royal Society of Arts - exploring the



expression of faith and how places are shaped through shared spaces, values and connections. (Tuesday, 28 February, 6-7pm)

Action Research



Supporting Bartlett School of Planning students to work with Bow Church

We recently connected Bow Church, with whom we are working in the [Empowering Design Practices project](#), with MSc planning students from UCL's Bartlett School of Planning. Over the next 10 weeks, the students will be collaborating with Bow Church

Communities and Planning: Tools and Practice module, on which The Glass-House has been a regular contributor. This week we led a workshop for students on stakeholder visioning in the design process.

Take part: survey on the role of places of worship in communities

Share your views on the future of places of worship and their place in society in an [open survey](#) created by the Empowering Design Practices project and the Baroness Warsi Foundation. The survey will inform understanding on perceptions of faith and places of worship in the UK that the projects are exploring.

Revisiting Resources

Community-led housing in urban areas



homes. A number of funding opportunities have been made available through [government](#) and other bodies such as [Power to Change](#) and [Big Society Capital](#). We are proud to be part of the emerging [Community-Led Housing Alliance](#) convened by the Building and Social Housing Foundation, which aims to help make more community-led housing a reality.

Last March, with our friends at London Community Neighbourhood Co-operative, we brought together some of the key players involved in supporting, enabling and leading community-led housing projects in urban areas of England to [share ideas and learning](#). Working with producer Tot Foster, we created a [film](#) to share these views and ideas and to highlight, through three case studies, the efforts of urban communities to provide alternative, affordable approaches to how we create homes and neighbourhoods. You can revisit this event and related resources on our [website](#).

If you're involved in a community-led housing project and want to talk to us about our support, [get in touch](#).

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